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## TE AWAMUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

We greet the new week excited about the learning that will take place and excited about the chance that we have to share the learning journeys to all our parents and family members. Syndicate One (our junior school) has been rehearsing their show case and during our dress rehearsal yesterday our audience was entertained by a wide range of skills. Syndicate One brings you their last performance tonight at 6pm in the school hall and a reminder that the children are due to their classrooms tonight at 5.40pm.

To help share our learning journeys for the term, teachers will soon be starting to gather samples of students' work and examples of focus areas. These will be documented in your child's Learning Journal Book that will be shared with parents during the last week of this term. Along with the Learning Journal Book will be your child's report and class placements for next year.

*Garoth Duncan*

Principal

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## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **BOT NEWS**

At our most recent meeting the BOT reviewed the use of the school swimming pool over the Xmas holiday period and unfortunately due to health and safety reasons as well as vandalism, it was decided the pool will remain empty over this period. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to those who have used our facility in the past.

### **Absences**

Just a reminder that all absences must be phoned or text messaged through on a daily basis. You need to explain why your child is absent. Any unexplained absences at the end of the day will be registered as truant. This is in line with the Ministry guidelines.

### **Crazy Hair Day**

As part of our Serving Others Inquiry Room 9 and 20 have been looking at the way we can serve the SPCA in our community. As a way of helping the SPCA the children have organized a Crazy hair to be held 11 December. Instead of a monetary donation, the children are asking that a donation of cat/dog food be made. Thank you for your support from Room 9 and 20.

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Once again at the end of this year, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the hall on **Thursday 18 December (please note change of date)** between 8.00 – 9.00 am. Children will be in mufti on this day so if you have any second hand items for sale please drop them into the box at the office with your details attached. Each piece of clothing needs to be labeled with your name, phone number and price. Please **do not** use staples to attach details, pins are a good option. **Cash Only.**

### **Hats**

Please send a named hat everyday as these are a compulsory uniform requirement. Children without hats are now spending playtime and lunchtime under a shady tree.

## School Lunches

Please send your child's lunch orders in an envelope with the correct change.

# TEAM NOTICES

## Syndicate One News

*Wow! We are thrilled with the success of our first showcase.* The children performed beautifully and we are very proud of them. If you haven't purchased your tickets for today's show, be in quick as there are only 20 tickets left. **There will be limited door sales.**

All Syndicate One children to be at school at *5.40 pm the latest* this evening. Room 2 girls need to be at school by 5.15 pm to have their hair done. If your child has his/her clothes for the show at home, then he/she can come dressed up in them. Some children have not as yet brought mufti clothes or dress ups to wear on stage - please ensure they have them for tonight's performance.

**Remember that Rooms 5, 6 and 7 are selling slices of cake this Friday 'to serve others'.** The money raised will be going to Harold and Life Education. Children need to bring along 50 cents to buy a piece of cake. Thank you again for your fabulous support.

## Syndicate Two News

Some of our children had fantastic success at last weeks Inter Schools Athletics Day! What A HUGE effort by all participants. We are very proud of their achievements.

At next Monday mornings School Assembly, certificates will be given out to children who received a placing at our own school Athletics. You are welcome to join us and celebrate the excellent sporting achievement of these children.

Our Christmas concert is fast approaching!

Tickets go on sale this Thursday from Room 13. 8.30am-8.55am. (Gold coin per ticket). Please remember there is an initial allocation of 2 tickets per family (Grandparents will be invited by invitation to our Matinee performance next Wednesday afternoon- and some tickets will be available for sale to this performance as well). Please read the Syndicate notice about the concert for more information.



## Reminders

- CONCERT DATES & TIMES  
The Syndicate 2 Christmas Concert.  
Matinee 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm in the hall  
Evening performance 6.30pm in the hall.
- We are on the hunt for any and all school Library books, Home Readers and school resources. The last day to hand in these books is next Friday. We have a big stocktake about to take place.
- Crazy hair day is next Thursday!!! Cat & dog food as a donation for the SPCA would be much appreciated



## Syndicate Three News

We are holding a family picnic as our showcase of how we serve others and a celebration of the year 17<sup>th</sup> of December from 6-7pm. A note will follow shortly.

Camp refunds are now being finalized a note will be coming home with further details.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **Free Ear Clinic**

The Free Ear Clinic will be visiting our school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00-12.30 and 1.30-2.50.

## **For Sale**

Swan plants. Help feed our butterflies! \$2.50 for 4 healthy plants. All funds to go to TAPS. See J Monk in Room 10.

## **For Sale**

A set of blue tubular steel bunks. Good condition. Phone Sue 8716541

## **Holiday Swimming Lessons**

Dolphinz are offering holiday 'Booster Block Courses' in January. Lessons are during the day with qualified instructors. Phone Lisa on 07 843 3380 for more information.

